

MEDIA ADVISORY

The Governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force will take its Strategic Plan for the Delta on the road in August, visiting seven cities from Chico to San Diego to meet with community members to provide information, answer questions and receive public input to the plan.

The strategic plan, a vehicle for implementing the Task Force's vision for long-term sustainability for the Delta developed last year, will be finalized in October. It is expected that it will lead to legislation in 2009 to draft its recommendations into law.

Concern about sustainable management of the Delta's natural resources led Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to create the Task Force in late 2006 and appoint its members. Delta issues include more than declining fish species and the reliability of state and federal water projects. They also include: subsiding islands and fragile levees, invasive species that have negatively impacted the Delta's ecosystem, the risk of earthquakes to Delta levees, urbanization in areas that put persons and property at risk of flooding, and climate change and sea level rise, that also pose flooding risks to the Delta, most of which is below sea level.

WHAT: Delta Vision Public Outreach Meetings

WHERE/WHEN: San Diego, August 18, Gateway Center, 5250 Campanile Drive
 Los Angeles, August 19, Golden Eagle Bldg., Ballroom 3, 5151 State University Dr.

Oakland, August 20, Nile Hall, 1233 Preservation Park Way
 Chico, August 25, Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Avenue
 Fresno, August 26, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1600
 Ryde, August 27, Ryde Hotel, 14340 Highway 160
 Stockton, August 28, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 33 W. Alpine Avenue

All meetings will be held from 4 to 7 p.m.

WHY: To provide information, answer questions and receive public comment about the Delta Vision Strategic Plan prior to its completion

HOW: Through a public forum where experts will discuss the intent of the plan, provide information on its specifics and answer questions

A member of the Governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force and staff will be present to receive public comment.

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